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1. QUAI UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE
USG SUGGESTION FOR CONSULTATION PRIOR TO AUGUST ICAO
CONFERENCE/ASSEMBLY. HE SAID MR. NOEL MUSSEUX OF
QUAI LEGAL OFFICE WHILE IN NEW YORK JULY 16-AUGUST 10
ATTENDING UN MEETINGS ON TERRORISM IS AUTHORIZED TO
VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS AIR SECURITY CONVENTION.
LEPRETTE EMPHASIZED THAT MUSEUX HAS FOLLOWED THIS
MATTER FROM BEGINNING AND IS WELL KNOWN TO PRINCIPAL
US OFFICIALS CONCERNED. HE SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS
FOR MUSEUX CONSULTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT BE MADE VIA USUN
AND FRENCH MISSION NEW YORK.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE PASSED TO LEPRETTE INDICATION
THAT BOWER'S MAY 31 SPEECH WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW USG
FLEXIBILITY RE AMENDMENT TO CHICAGO CONVENTION AS
PART OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISE, PER STATE 132667. HE
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GREATLY APPRECIATED THIS CLARIFICATION, EXPLAINING

THAT HE HAD THOUGHT MENTION OF CHICAGO CONVENTION
AMENDMENT HAD BEEN PURELY PRO FORMA. WE BELIVE THERE
IS POSSIBILITY THAT SOME KIND OF COMPROMISE MIGHT BE
REACHED ON THIS ISSUE PROVIDED THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME
FOR HEAVY GOF ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO CHANGE GEARS.
VACATION MONTH OF AUGUST IS ESPECIALLY INOPPORTUNE
FOR SEEKING GOF POLICY DECISIONS. THEREFORE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT DIALOGUE WITH MUSEUX BEGIN AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AND THAT USUN BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE EARLY
APPROACH TO FRENCH MISSION WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION
THAT RECENT UNFORTUNATE OCCASIONS ON WHICH AT LAST
MINUTE IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO ALIGN FRENCH POSITION
WITH OUR OWN MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO INABILITY OF
LEPRETTE (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL) TO GET HIGHER
POLICY LEVELS OF QUAI TO FOCUS ON SUCH OCCASIONS.
IN HIS FIRST MONTHS IN OFFICE FONMIN JOBERT HAS TAKEN
DECISION-MAKING POWER INTO HIS OWN HANDS BUT HIS
EXTENSIVE HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PRECLUDED CON-
CENTRATION ON PERIPHERAL MATTERS.

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